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MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployed poor persons in the rural areas are not getting employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the mechanism developed by the Government in this regard along with the information received therefrom; and

(c) the strategy or action plan formulated by the Government in view of the above information?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 provide for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. The demand for work itself is influenced by various factors such as rain-fall pattern, availability of alternative and remunerative employment opportunities outside MGNREGA and prevailing unskilled wage rates.

(b) & (c): The Government is actively engaged with the State Government in establishing systems that ensure provision of work as per demand. To generate awareness about the provisions of the Scheme and to provide adequate employment opportunities to rural households under MGNREGS, all States/UTs have been requested for the following:

(i) to initiate appropriate Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns including wall paintings for wide dissemination of the provisions of the Act.

(ii) to expand scope and coverage of demand registration system to ensure that demand for work under MGNREGA does not go unregistered.

(iii) to prepare plans in a participatory mode and approve them in the Gram Sabha.

(iv) to focus on creation of durable assets with quality.

(v) to prepare realistic labour budget by the State.

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